



# Range Review

Wyoming Field Office  
PO Box 1148 · Cheyenne, WY 82003  
307-432-5600 · FAX 307-432-5598 · [www.nass.usda.gov/wy](http://www.nass.usda.gov/wy)

Issue 2011-06, Released 06/17/11

## IN THIS ISSUE . . .

### THANK YOU

to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

*Agriculture Prices  
Cattle on Feed  
Livestock Slaughter*

### Special Note

As of January 2011, State level livestock prices were discontinued. Livestock prices for the United States will be published based on data provided by the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

### HAY PRICES ABOVE LAST YEAR

May hay prices were above both last month and last year. **Alfalfa hay**, up \$12.00 from last month and up \$17.00 from last year, came in at \$107.00 per ton. **Other hay**, at \$97.00 per ton, was up \$6.00 from last month and up \$12.00 from last year.

**UNITED STATES:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 174 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 1 point (0.6 percent) from April. The Crop Index is unchanged but the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received lower prices for cattle, corn, eggs, and strawberries and higher prices for hay, broilers, celery, and lettuce. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, cantaloupes, broilers, and sweet corn offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, milk, and soybeans.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 36 points (26 percent) from May 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 165, decreased 2 points (1.2 percent) from last month but increased 27 points (20 percent) from May 2010.

### PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS - WY AND U.S.: MAY 2011 WITH COMPARISONS U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES 3/			
		MAY 2010	APR 2011	MAY 15 2011	MAY 2010	APR 2011	MAY 15 2011	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	61.80	1/	1/	59.00	78.90	79.10	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	109.00	1/	1/	99.70	122.00	118.00	—
Calves	100#	134.00	1/	1/	124.00	147.00	141.00	37
Sheep	100#	49.10	1/	1/	46.20	68.80	1/	—
Lambs	100#	119.00	1/	1/	122.00	181.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	3.48	6.35	6.15	59
Oats	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	2.19	3.53	3.49	51
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.49	4.32	4.87	—
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	4.21	7.39	7.70	—
Dry Beans	100#	2/	2/	1/	27.80	31.70	31.70	40
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	90.00	95.00	107.00	121.00	155.00	186.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	85.00	91.00	97.00	100.00	103.00	112.00	—

(NA) Not available. 1/ Price discontinued. 2/ Price withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 3/ Price data source for livestock is United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service. **NOTE:** Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price expect for hay which is always a mid-month price.

### PRICES RECEIVED INDEXES - UNITED STATES: MAY 2011 WITH COMPARISONS

1990-92 = 100 BASIS	UNITED STATES		
	MAY 2010	APR 2011	MAY 15 2011
All Commodities	138	175	174
All Crops	148	199	199
All Livestock and Products	131	156	153

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on June 1, 2011. The inventory was 4 percent above June 1, 2010.

**Placements** in feedlots during May totaled 1.81 million, 11 percent below 2010. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 415,000, 600-699 pounds were 355,000, 700-799 pounds were 480,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 560,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during May totaled 2.00 million, 7 percent above 2010.

**Other disappearance** totaled 80,000 during May, 18 percent below 2010.

### CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, JUNE 1, 2010-11 1/

State	On Feed May 1, 2011	Place- ments May 2011	Market- ings May 2011	Other Disapp. May 2011	On Feed Jun 1, 2011	On Feed Jun 1, 2010
Thousand Head						
CO	1,100	140	150	10	1,080	970
KS	2,170	375	420	15	2,110	2,130
NE	2,370	340	495	25	2,190	2,140
TX	2,750	560	520	10	2,780	2,640
Oth Sts.	2,810	395	417	20	2,768	2,615
U.S.	11,200	1,810	2,002	80	10,928	10,495

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## WYOMING COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM MARCH

**Commercial red meat** production in *Wyoming* during April 2011 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was unchanged from April 2010 but down 100,000 pounds compared to last month's production. Commercial red meat production includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton but excludes animals slaughtered on farm.

Five hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in Wyoming during April, down 17 percent compared to both the number slaughtered a year ago and last month. Total live weight was 590,000 pounds, down 9 percent from the previous April. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,155 pounds, up 35 pounds from last month.

A total of 300 **commercial hogs** were processed, unchanged from last April but down 100 head from last month. Total live weight, at 83,000 pounds, was up 130 percent from April 2010. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 247 pounds, up 14 pounds from the previous month.

One hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in April, unchanged from the same time last year and last month. Total live weight, at 14,000 pounds, was up 175 percent from April 2010. Average live weight of sheep slaughtered was 157 pounds, up 24 pounds from the previous month.

**UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.87 billion pounds in April, down 4 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in April 2010.

**Beef production**, at 2.05 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 4 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,257 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.79 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.63 million head, down 5 percent from April 2010. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 14.3 million pounds, was up 11 percent from April 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 206,700 head, 9 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 2 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2011 commercial red meat production was 16.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER APRIL 2010 AND 2011, WYOMING AND U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Live Weight			Number of Head		Total Live Weight		
	April 2010	April 2011	April 2010	April 2011	11/10	April 2010	April 2011	April 2010	April 2011	11/10
			1,000 Pounds		Percent			1,000 Pounds		Percent
Cattle	600	500	648	590	91.0	2,846,000	2,722,000	3,552,510	3,408,872	95.9
Hogs	300	300	64	83	129.7	9,056,200	8,630,600	2,466,680	2,390,248	96.9
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	8	14	175.0	190,200	206,700	25,917	28,579	110.3